

Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force
Policy Team Minutes – October 24, 2014

Mayor Reed began the meeting at 7:45 AM with members of the Task Force and the public introducing themselves.

Mayor Reed called for a motion to accept the August 22 minutes. The policy team accepted the minutes unanimously.

1. Climate Discussion

Lt. Ryan from the SJPd provided the Climate Report.

In August 2014, of the gang related violent crime types, 1 was a homicide, 8 were aggravated assault, 1 was a robbery, and 0 were rape, for a total of 10 gang reported violent crimes. In September 2014, of the gang related violent crime types, 0 were homicides, 7 were aggravated assault, 1 was a robbery, and 0 were rape, for a total of 8 gang reported violent crimes. Of the reported violent gang related incidents that occurred in June and July, the majority of known offenders were 16-19 years old and the majority of known victims were between 14-18 years old. In August 2014, there were 3 reported simple assaults, and in September 2014, there were 4 reported simple assaults.

2. Subcommittee Updates

a. Community Engagement

Councilmember Rose Herrera provided an update on the Community Engagement Subcommittee. The Night Walks, led by St. Philips and St. John Vianney, continue to be a consistent presence in the community, surpassing 6 months, with 18 walks participating on average per week. 127 walkers have participated in total and have walked over 30 miles. The Youth Voice Initiative has produced 6 talk shows and 2 PSAs in collaboration with CreaTV and will be participating in the annual summit. The 7th Annual Crime and Gang Prevention Summit is in the process of being planned.

b. Interagency Collaborative

Angel Rios provided an update on the Interagency Collaborative. The MGPTF is starting a Female Intervention program. An advisory board will be formed to support the pilot and help with its curriculum development. The County put on a forum discussing the disproportionate amount of minority youth in the Juvenile Justice system. The Interagency Collaborative will be supporting the Santa Clara County Office of Education's Drop Out Re-Engagement program.

c. Technical Team

Jeff Bautista provided an update on the Technical Team. The Save Schools Campus Initiative is working in collaboration with schools to activate services on/ around campuses after school hours.

d. School/ City Collaborative

No School/ City Collaborative update was provided during this meeting.

3. Strategic Workplan Update

Mario Maciel gave an update on the MGPTF Strategic Workplan for 2015-2017. The workplan was informed by members of the MGPTF in addition to community forums. Mario provided an overview of the workplan's guiding principles and goals, which included: strengthening the existing continuum of services; establishing a MGPTF/ BEST program community of learning processes; exploring and implementing a web-based management information system of the MGPTF; leveraging MGPTF resources and expertise at the local, state, federal, and international level; community education and mobilization. The workplan will be brought to City Council for approval on December 2, 2014.

4. **Safe Summer Initiative Grant Report**

Mario Maciel provided an update on the Save Summer Initiative Grant. The purpose of the grant is to provide a fun and safe environment for San José youth, offer pro-social and enrichment activities, decrease summer learning loss, and facilitate transition of youth participants in their new school. This year, \$500,000 in funding was available. 96 applications were received requesting a total of \$917,737. 37 contracts were awarded totaling \$423,000. Remaining funds were used to supplement PRNS summer programming. Services provided included educational/cognitive; youth development; recreation, health, and fitness; and multi-element. There were 3,857 total unduplicated participants served, with the majority of youth from the 95127, 95116, and 95122 area codes. During the summer of 2015, there will be a continued emphasis on services that ensure greater connection to school year programs and connect 8th graders to high school resources. There will also be coordination with other summer program funding opportunities to produce greater impact in high-need areas.

5. **MGPTF One-time Funding Allocation**

Suzanne Wolf from PRNS gave a presentation on the one-time funding allocation to the MGPTF. \$300,000 will be allotted to start a Female Intervention Unit, \$400,000 will be allocated towards MGPTF Capacity Building (funding for BEST agencies, community of learning support, database development), and \$300,000 will go towards afterschool and homework centers (including the Digital Arts Program).

6. **Open Forum**

- Sparky Harlan from the Bill Wilson Center invited attendees to participate in the 2nd Annual Green Light Project Walk and Rally on Friday, Nov. 7.
- James Gonzalez from the SJ Police Officers Association critiqued the Mayor's press release which reported a decrease in gang crime.